

Washington, DC -- Working to help with overhaul of Whittier's underground sewer system, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) today announced that she has secured \$400,000 in the Fiscal Year 2004 Department of Veteran Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill. The bill is expected to be passed on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in the near future.

"I am thrilled to have secured \$400,000 to make critical improvements to Whittier's sewer system. Whittier is one of oldest cities in the 39th District and parts of its sewer system are over 80 years old. From age and earthquakes over the years, the system needs replacing to guarantee leaks don't develop that could be health hazards or harm underground drinking water supplies," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

Earlier this year, Sánchez made it a priority to meet with officials from every community in her district to discuss their top priorities and projects. During the meeting, Mayor Dave Butler and city officials asked Congresswoman Sánchez to help get federal funding for the City's program to systematically replace its sewer system.

"This project will help in rehabilitating and replacing sanitary sewer lines. This is essential to ensuring public health and safety, and enhancing the quality of groundwater for the residents of Whittier," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.